



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

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TO: EACH SUPERVISOR

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### LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT - FIRST RESPONDERS' COLLEGE FUND

This memo is to inform your Honorable Board that the Department has been approached by the Jean Perkins Foundation (JPF) to accept funding for a scholarship program for children of firefighters, paramedics and rescue personnel.

The awards, which are \$5,000 annually for up to four years of college (and one-time grants of \$2,000-\$2,500 for runners-up), are strictly merit-based, without evaluation of financial need. After applications are received, between fifteen and twenty students will be interviewed; five to six will receive the 4-year awards, and the other interviewees will be given cash runner-up prizes.

JPF has recently funded similar programs for the children of sworn personnel in the Los Angeles City Fire and County Sheriff's Departments. In addition to funding the scholarships, JPF would cover the expense of forming a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity and would provide hands-on assistance in setting up the administration of the scholarship program.

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We have chosen a name for the fund, *L.A. County Fire Department First Responders' College Fund*, and plan to proceed with the project unless we hear otherwise from you. We do hope to have your support and would appreciate it if you would communicate to me by May 15, 2007, any questions or concerns that you may have.

Thank you.

PMF:rr

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